Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know Sir, whether after the complaints were received with regard to this agreement, the Director has ascertained whether the body of the letter is in the handwriting of the signatories?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have already stated that we had no necessity to go into the genuineness or otherwise of the bond, because at the very outset *prima facie* there was no case for an agreement like that. There was no necessity therefore to further go into the matter and enquire whether the handwriting or signatures were genuine.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): What action was taken as soon as this letter was received in the Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): We refused to recognise the right of the authorities to send away all these teachers.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Did you inform them accordingly?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have not got all the papers relating to the case, because it is spread over 2 or 3 years.

TEACHER—ST. MARY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, ERNAKULAM—RELIEVING OF.

262. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon (*Ernakulam-Women*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received a petition from one Miss P. J. Rose employed in the St. Mary's Convent, dated 21st Kumbham 1113;

(*b*) if so, have the Government taken any steps to redress her grievances;

(*c*) are the Government aware that the authorities of the St. Mary's Convent High School, Ernakulam, are bent upon relieving the above-mentioned Miss P. J. Rose and some other teachers who have put in more than 12 years or 13 years' service to make room for some juniors;

(*d*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to see that they are not dismissed;

(*e*) are the Government aware that one Miss P. M. Teresa, who has served the above-said institution for more than five years, was relieved to make room for a junior hand;

(*f*) are they aware that she became insane very soo after her dismissal?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The Manager's request for permission to relieve P. J. Rose was refused.

(*c*) There was a petition from the Manager, St. Mary's Convent High School, Ernakulam, requesting for sanction to relieve Miss. P. J. Rose and some other lay teachers who have put in more than 6 years' service.

(*d*) Yes. Necessary action has already been taken in the matter.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Not known.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon (*Ernakulam-Women*): Now that I understand that this Miss P. M. Teresa is all right, will the Government be pleased to see that she is re-instated in the school?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The appointments are made not by the Government. Government can only approve after the appointment is made.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon (*Ernakulam-Women*): Has this lady got any chance?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is a matter between the teacher and the management. She can approach the manager. The Government will approve of her appointment, if they are satisfied that medically she is fit.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): May I know Sir, whether this Miss P. J. Rose, is still there?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): Has she got any work there?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): She is employed in the staff. I hope she is being given some work.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): With regard to (*d*) may I know what is the nature of the action taken?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Government have refused permission to relieve these teachers

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ് പണിക്കർ: ഈ ഓർഡർ അപ്പീക്കൻറിനു കൊടുത്തോ അതോ സ്കൂളിലേക്കു നേരിട്ടു കൊടുത്തോ?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The reference comes from the school. So there is no case for the department to write to the applicants. In this case the applicant is really the management.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സങ്കടഹർജി അയച്ചതിന്റെ റിസൽട്ട് അവർക്ക് അറിയുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): They know. The fact that they were not relieved is sufficient proof that they are retained.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മിസ്സ്. പി. എം. ടെറിസയെ സ്കൂളിൽ നിന്നു പിരിച്ചയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു ഭ്രാന്തായി കിടക്കുന്നു എന്നുള്ള കാരണത്താലാണെന്നു 'ഗോമതി' പത്രത്തിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have no knowledge either of her madness or the report in the 'Gomathi' or anything of that nature.

KUNDAN ROAD—VADAKKUMBHAGOM VILLAGE—EXTENSION OF.

263. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal within the last 10 years to extend the Kundan road in K-4 Vadakkumbhagom Village to Thuravumkara; if so, how does the matter stand at present;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that this road, if constructed, will also serve as a good bund to preserve water on the eastern side and that a large area of paddy fields could then be successfully cultivated with Mundakan crops;

(*c*) if not, will they be pleased to look into the matter at an early date?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) This was one of the several roads considered desirable by the Road Board in 1107. But this work was not included in the five year programme of road works since recommended by the Road Board in 1111.

(*b*) This point has not been investigated.

(*c*) This question will be looked into.

LICENSE FEES ON COUNTRY-CRAFTS.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടിപറയുമോ:—

(*a*) തോണി, നമ്പർ വഞ്ചി മുതലായവ കൊച്ചി കായലിൽ സഞ്ചരിക്കുന്നതിനു ലൈസൻസുഫീസ് ഈടാക്കാറില്ലെ;

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